

COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>		SECURITY INFORMATION	
TOPIC <u>Soviet and German Border Guard Units in the Koepfelsdorf Area</u>		REPORT NO. <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
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EVALUATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>	25X1A	
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REFERENCES <u>[REDACTED]</u>			
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REMARKS <u>[REDACTED]</u>			

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- On 11 and 12 April 1953, source determined that the previous commander of the Soviet units stationed at Koepfelsdorf was suddenly called off, allegedly to Moscow, and was replaced by a major, his previous deputy.

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[REDACTED] The Soviet unit at the time of observation only seldom practiced combat training, but frequently engaged in athletic activities. The Soviet billets were surrounded by an extensive trench system.

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- A brick building, about 70 meters long, of unidentified purpose, was under construction at the billets of the VP border alert force in Koepfelsdorf during the time of observation. Components of prefabricated low buildings, recently arrived at Koepfelsdorf on several railroad cars, and were stored in the area of the border alert force.

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- On 12 April 1953, about 40 border guard troops received training on the construction of entanglements and the digging of fire trenches at the Frich-Knauf-Heim in Sonneberg. They also constructed the wire entanglements along the zonal border in the sector of the alert force at Koepfelsdorf.

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[REDACTED] Comment. See a previous report by the same source, dated 10 April 1953.//

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